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## **Mayor Tutunjian To Be Honored By Troy Educational Pride Foundation**

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(October 18, 2005- TROY)- The Troy Educational Pride Foundation is pleased to announce its 2005 recipient of the Distinguished Troy School Alumnus and Community Leader Award. This year's winner is Troy Mayor Harry J. Tutunjian.

Tutunjian is a 1985 graduate of Troy High School who was first elected to the City Council in 1999. After spending four years on the City Council, Tutunjian was elected Mayor in 2003. The son of Naz and Joan Tutunjian, the Mayor is a constant cheerleader for both the City of Troy and the Troy School District.

"I take great pride in the fact that I was educated in the Troy School system, and this is a wonderful honor that I will cherish for many years," Tutunjian said. "The Troy Educational Pride Foundation is an honorable organization focused on improving the lives of all our children. It is my hope that they achieve all of their goals and help as many children as possible."

Tutunjian will be honored on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin Terrace, located at 126 Campbell Avenue beginning at 5:30 p.m.. New York State Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno will serve as the honorary chair of the event.

The Troy Educational PRIDE Foundation was formed in 1997 as a not-for-profit devoted to acquiring and disbursing funds to provide for innovative programs that enhance the quality of education and provide learning opportunities that might not otherwise be available through the regular school budget. Last year the group gave three \$2,500 scholarships to students in the Troy School District.

Prior winners of the Distinguished Troy School Alumnus and Community Leader Award have included Marty Silverman, Nick Brignola, Lori Schindler, and the Mooradian Family.

Reservations for the dinner cost \$75 and can be made by calling 272-6012, extension 225.